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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have already stated that recognition is not considered due if given in the shape of holidays."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Chief Minister aware of the exact day of the year when Tiruvalluvar was born, apart from the question whether it should be declared a holiday or not? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am thankful for the explanation that we do not have accurate ideas as to the exact date of birth of Tiruvalluvar. But that is not the reason really why no holiday can be declared. It is unnecessary to go on increasing our holidays, and also I might explain that holidays are generally recognized as proper if some religious ritual is connected with the day, as we do not wish to interfere with the normal religious ceremonies followed according to one's practice."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have the Government taken any other steps than the declaration of a holiday in order to commemorate the services of the poet, politician and public worker? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" 'Tirukkural' is largely prescribed as text-book."

Harijans employed through the Employment Exchange.

* 66 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state how many Harijans were provided with employment through the Employment Exchanges last year?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" 3,359 Harijans."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know whether all of them are continuing in service? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid I cannot answer that question because the original question is how many were provided with employment through the Employment Exchanges. We have no method of follow up. I can, therefore, only say that 3,359 Harijans were provided with employment."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Have the Government figures of the total number of applications received by the Employment Exchange and the total percentage of applicants employed? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The total number of applicants was 6,674 and the total employed was, as I have already said, 3,359."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" As it is not the practice in all cases for the departments to notify the Employment Exchange, may I know why the Government should not issue instructions to the heads of departments to notify vacancies to the Employment Exchanges? "

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" This matter has been examined and is still under consideration."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know what is the total number of persons provided with employment and the percentage of Harijans thereto? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice, please."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" Will the Government give district-war figures of employment of Harijans for each year? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall answer it."

Elections to district boards.

* 67 *Q*.—SRI V. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state when the Government propose to hold the elections to District Boards?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" In view of the impending formation of the Andhra State, Government propose to postpone elections to district boards until the new Governments come into being and hold elections."

SRI V. RAMARAO :—" క్రిందటిసారి సభలో యీ విషయం చర్చించినప్పుడు ఒక సంవత్సరము అయినతర్వాత తప్పనిసరిగా District board ఎన్నికలు జరుపుతాము అని మంత్రిగారు వాగ్దానము చేశారు. ఇప్పుడు ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్ర స్థాపనవల్ల కొంతకాలంవరకు వాయిదా వేయబడునని అంటున్నారు. ఇంతకాలంలో జరుపుతామని నిర్ణయం చేయగలరా ? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" No date can be fixed now. It will be left to the respective States to decide."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" అయ్యా, పంచాయితి బోర్డు ఎన్నికలకు అసెంబ్లీ ఎలక్షన్లకు అడ్డంరాని ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్ర నిర్మాణం జిల్లా బోర్డు ఎన్నికలకు ఎందుకు అడ్డంవచ్చిందో చెబుతారా ? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" That is the very reason why elections to District Boards have been postponed. Panchayat Board elections are going on. Almost fifty per cent of the work is over and 4,000 more panchayats remain to be reconstituted."

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—" Sir, ప్రస్తుతం ఉన్నటువంటి జిల్లా బోర్డు ప్రెసిడెంట్లు ప్రజావిశ్వాసాన్ని కోల్పోయినందువల్ల ఆ పరిస్థితులలో వాళ్లను మరల బోర్డులలో ఉండకుండా యీ ప్రభుత్వంవారు చేస్తారా ? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" A resolution will be placed before the House and it will be left to the House to decide the matter."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అయ్యా, ప్రభుత్వంవారు జిల్లా బోర్డుల విషయంలో ఏమిచేయాలని ఆలోచిస్తున్నారు ? ప్రభుత్వం స్పెషల్ ఆఫీసర్లను వేసి undemocratic గా చేయాలని ఆలోచిస్తున్నారా ? లేక ఏమిచేయా